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## TUCUMCARI OFFICER HELD UP ON THE STREET.

N. V. Gallegos, deputy sheriff and jailor under Sheriff Street, was held up by a hobo near the Coney Island Saloon Wednesday night and requested to deliver his coin to a gentleman who needed more accommodations than he had money to buy. The moon was shining and Gallegos saw at a flash that the instrument pointed at him was a knife instead of a gun and quickly he drew his gun and leveled it at the middle of the highwayman and explained to him that he had evidently held up the wrong fellow and that he would take him to jail where he belonged. So the chap in need of funds was marched to the bastille with Gallegos' gun pointing at his ribs and landed behind the bars. Gallegos says he didn't exactly have a chill, but he was still shaking when the fellow was landed behind the lock of the county jail. The hobo who holds up any of our officers would better get his weapons in play first and hold them up afterwards, else he will be lucky if he gets off as easy every time as this one did. A horse-whipping on the outskirts of the city would be a pretty good remedy for this sort of offenses and would save the county the needless expense of feeding them.

## ENDLESS RAIL INVENTED

W. M. Simpson, editor of the Neoga, Ill., News, has invented what is termed an "endless rail," which, in the opinion of railroad men, will be of inestimable value to the railroads of this country.

The invention tends to prevent the ends of rails which are butting up together at both ends on one tie from shaking when a train goes over them. This is said by railroad men to cause more wear on rolling stock than any other one thing on a railroad.

Heretofore it has been impossible to devise any plan which would do away with it. Mr. Simpson's invention puts the connection on three separate ties. Railroad officials are becoming interested in the invention.

## WOULD STAY GAMBLING ACT

Delegate Andrews presented in the house petitions from several towns of New Mexico, asking that the gambling bill do not take effect till next January; and also from a number of churches asking for the preservation of the Pajarita cliff dwellings.

## AFFAIRS OF ROCK ISLAND IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

"Affairs of the Rock Island are in excellent condition from every stand point and the prospects are that there will be a steady improvement in them," said B. F. Yoakum to a Topeka paper. Mr. Yoakum is the chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, having been elected to that position a couple of months ago. He is also the chairman of the executive committee of the St. Louis & San Francisco system, making him the executive head of about 18,000 miles of road. In addition to being the executive of these two great systems he also controls a number of lines in the south and southwest.

Mr. Yoakum is on a tour of inspection of the Rock Island lines of the south and west and his present plans are that after reaching Herrington, Kas., the trip will be continued over the lines directly south, through Oklahoma and into Texas.

## PHELPS-DODGE TRADE MARK

Taking copper as the distinctive industry of the Phelps-Dodge Company, and therefore of the El Paso & Southwestern road, the head of a copper-colored Indian, the word "Copper" inscribed on a band across his forehead, has been selected as the trade mark of the El Paso & Southwestern system.

This trademark has been copyrighted and will hereafter be used on all advertising literature. In this district it will serve the same purpose formerly served by the El Paso & Northeastern oval and cross bar on the Rock Island design.

The emblem may also be adopted for use on the rolling stock of the line. The design was selected from a large number which were submitted.

## A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

W. F. Kelsay, a Mesa Rodondo farmer, was in town Tuesday, and tells the News that the people are laying the foundation for a town out there. A postoffice will be asked for soon and a store, blacksmith shop and school house are now in process. The country is rapidly filling up with farmers and new houses are dotting the prairies everywhere.

The Rock Island special here Monday going west had President Winchell on board and other officials of the Rock Island.

## FIRE STARTS FROM ENGINE

An El Paso & Southwestern special was the cause of a prairie fire a short distance north of town Friday morning, which threatened for a time to spread to the buildings on the outskirts of the city. A high wind was blowing at the time in a northeasterly direction and the flames were carried rapidly toward the buildings on Dr. Evan's ranch. A slight change in the direction of the wind saved the buildings, but a vast amount of pasture was destroyed, and 100 tons of fodder stacked at the Roy Land and Live Stock Co's Canada Ancho ranch was also consumed. Several parties owning land in the track of the fire will have claims for damages against the railroad company.—El Hispano Americano.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

B. Clayton has gone into the land locating business.

Morgan & Grubbs are putting down linoleum on the saloon floor this week.

A new road is being surveyed to Puerto this week. It runs east of Tucumcari Mountain.

Chas. Kohn of the firm of Kohn Bros., at Montoya, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Joseph Reid is fencing his homestead out near Doughtry's place and is getting ready to farm.

There was a party of twenty-five homeseekers registered at the Plaza Hotel Wednesday night from St. James, Mo.

Chas. Fowler of Danville, Ill., is here and has accepted a situation as bar tender nights at the Legal Tender.

The Rock Island crew is pushing work on the grade out east of town. They are widening the grade and ballasting the track.

W. A. Jackson is extending his fences on his farm southeast of town taking in more land to cultivate this season.

The Southwestern crew of surveyors are laying out 40 acres of land that the Southwestern bought from C. B. Eddy for their additional trackage and roundhouse grounds the last day or two.

The Southwestern special, Nacassara, went through Thursday to Dawson with General Manager Simmons, Vice-President Jones and Chief Engineer Campell on board. They will be back here today to look after the survey and location of the yards, trackage, roundhouse, etc.

Arthur Clayton has pneumonia.

Geo. Lamar is doing the plastering on Goldenberg's store.

Miss Effie Smith has returned from a visit among friends in Alamogordo.

L. R. Lewis and E. M. Ross, railroad men of Hutchinson, Kan., were in town a few days.

Mrs. Frank Guiterrez returned Tuesday from a visit to her parents at Logan.

A. B. Simpson is building a 3-room cottage out near W. F. Buchanan's place.

The Goldenberg firm is plastering the outside of their store. It makes a good improvement in the appearance of things.

J. L. Taylor was in town several days this week from Quervo with a carload of horses which he disposed of to Quay County farmers.

The father of Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth, who lives in Arizona, and who was reported very sick a few weeks ago, is reported about well this week.

Anderson, the tinner, says he is as busy as he can be. We believe him, as the sign of a great amount of tin work shows clear out front into the street.

We notice a new phone in the bank this week. Mr. Herring is preparing a new directory which will show a large increase in the telephone service in use since the first of December.

S. N. Brewer, the contractor who is building the country palace for Morgan & Grubbs on their ranch east of town, will finish his work in a few days. This is one of the finest ranch houses in Quay County.

M. B. Epperson, Nashville, Ark., who came out some time ago and bought the Clayton homestead east of town, has returned with his family and will move onto the land as soon as he can build a residence.

Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth, came in Thursday from Alamogordo, where he held a ten days protracted meeting. He reports a good meeting and full attendance, and says the people at Alamogordo are all right.

The Goldenberg brothers received the sad news of the death of their father at West Phalia, Germany, Thursday morning, and out of respect to his memory they closed their place of business until Friday morning. The people of Tucumcari greatly sympathize with them in their great bereavement.